

Serial No.: 10/801,228

**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

**REMARKS**

Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 23, drawn to fibers comprising styrene-isobutylene copolymer, classified in class 424, subclass 445;
- II. Claims 4-10, drawn to medical article comprising dry spun fibers, classified in class 424, subclass 443;
- III. Claims 11-21, drawn to process for making fibers, classified in class 424, subclass 445;
- IV. Claim 22, drawn to process of making medical article, classified in class 424, subclass 443;

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect the Group II claims, i.e. claims 4-10, without traverse, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, election of a single disclosed species of medical articles listed in claim 9 is also required. Applicants hereby elect stent grafts as the single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Claims 4-10 are readable thereon.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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